



Welcome to the May 2025 edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

May 2025 Club Meeting - Tuesday night May 6th, Stratford Town Center

Looks like spring has finally arrived with some sunshine and higher temperatures.

This month's club meeting will be held Tuesday, May 6th, at the Stratford Town Centre. Start time: 7:00 P.M.

As always, everyone is welcome to attend, not just club members. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the 2024 classes are automatically members of the club for 2025. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Centre on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange.

S.M.A.R.T. 2025 - May 10th - Springhill NS

Get ready for the [SMART symposium](#) which is scheduled for May 10th at the Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre. They're now fully booked and ready to go with 10 classes starting at 9:00 a.m. Good luck to Ricardo VY2AN presenting on POTA/Lighthouses and Therese VY2TAM who's running the Maritime YL's table.

NEAR-Fest XXXVII - May 2nd & 3rd - New Boston NH

The New England Amateur Radio Festival is taking place this weekend in New Boston, New Hampshire. Although online ticket sales have ended, anyone who might want to drive down last minute for a bit of an adventure, it looks like tickets can still be purchased at the door on Friday May 2nd at 7:00 a.m. <https://near-fest.com/purchasing-tickets/>

Dayton Hamvention - May 16th-18th - Xenia OH

Just under 2 weeks until the Dayton Hamvention. This year's theme is "Radio Independence". For anyone who would like to go, tickets are still available for purchase:

<https://hamvention.org/purchase-tickets/>

Summerside Club Basic Licensing Course - Spring 2025

The Summerside Amateur Radio Club started their first in-person basic licensing course in April. The course is halfway through and is due to finish at the end of May. For anyone from the westside of the island who might be interested in enrolling on their next course, this is their website: [SPARC - Amateur Radio Basic License Classes Spring 2025](#).

Contest Calendar - May

[ARI International DX Contest](#) - 1200Z, May 3 to 1159Z, May 4, 2025

[New England QSO Party](#) - 2000Z, May 3 to 0500Z, May 4 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 4, 2025

[CQ-M International DX Contest](#) - 1200Z, May 10 to 1159Z, May 11, 2025

Also check out <https://contestcalendar.com> for other contests.

Meetings and Events Calendar - May

1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)

3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)

5: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW (to be confirmed)

6: Monthly club meeting

7, 14, 21, 28: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

Future Events:

June 6-7: [Canada Wide Science Fair](#) in Fredericton, featuring a RAC booth promoting Amateur Radio

June 7: First ever [Atlantic QSO Party](#). Rules will be posted on their website and [Facebook](#) page. They intend to have the Atlantic RAC callsigns count as multipliers.

June 28-29 2025: [Field Day](#)

July 1: RAC Canada Day Contest

July 26: CARC Flea Market

September 6 2025: [Ottawa \(Carp\) 2025 Hamfest](#) and RAC AGM

Help Us Out!

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